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Subject: Net Neutrality; Restore Internet Freedom

FCC Commissioners:

Madams and Sirs.

As a private citizen of the USA, I have employed the Internet personally for the past 24 years; for employment searches as my contracts expired, for professional communications regarding skills, software usage, and networking, and, last but never least, for religious communications among my fellow religionists both locally and around the globe.

As a fully employed, award-winning, technical communicator and emeritus member of the Society for Technical Communication, I have used the Internet professionally for even longer, since 1992. In support of a family microbusiness, I have maintained its web site since 1995.

I am now permanently disabled, surviving solely on SSDI income. I now rely on the Internet **both** for necessary purchases such as mail-order fulfilment of long-term prescriptions and home health care needs, **and** for hobby shopping of an affordable nature. Further, as a means of saving my very limited income, rather than pay for an exhorbitant cable TV feed, I employ streaming video from various sites for the greatest part of my entertainment.

And I am an officer of a public charity/non-profit church, which relies on Internet-dependent services such as online banking to keep our banking fees minimal, maintains its own .org web site as part of our mission & support of our members.

As a citizen & lifelong taxpayer, I note that the Internet as it exists today would not exist without the taxpayer-funded DARPA efforts of 1974 et sequæ.

Corporations are not human beings. They don't breathe, they don't eat, they don't need medications, they never need hospitals, and they don't LIVE.

Human being taxpayers funded, created, & made the Internet succeed.

Do not give away our birthright in exchange for a virtual mess of pottage.

Sincerely,

Deborah Snavely (virtual signature)